



CITY of BETHEL

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MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES SEPTEMBER 13, 1979

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:30 P.M.

Mayor Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., at the Council Chambers. Roll call was taken. Present: Carpenter, B. Hoffman, E. Hoffman, and Elliott. Absent: Charles, Twitchell, and Gregory. Quorum.

INVOCATION

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Manager Hoffman stated that we have 3 Council meetings minutes to go through. August 7 & 28th and September 4th.

Carpenter asked if M. Gregory was at the Meeting of 8/23, and it was agreed that Gregory was at that meeting.

M/M by B. Hoffman to accept the minutes of 8/28 & 8/7 and 9/4th with the correction of Carpenter to Gregory. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M by B. Hoffman to accept the Agenda of September 13th, 1979 as written. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Manager Hoffman stated that he didn't have anything on communications except the ones that were in Council packets.

Mayor Elliott stated that he received a plaque from the City of Barbarto, Ohio. There were several people Frank and Julie Coachman.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Hoffman stated that the City has received Sea Airmotive, Inc., application form for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity seeking authority from CAB to engage in schedule points in this region. A copy is in my office and is available for review and comments, all person interested in supporting or opposing this application must file before September 25th, 1979.

"Deep Sea Port and Transportation Center of the Kuskokwim"

Hoffman stated that five (5) member team from TRW Energy Systems were in Bethel yesterday meeting with the City of Bethel and Bethel Utilities to perform a field visit. They are interested in working with Bethel on its waste heat project, specifically storing the waste heat in aquifers for the summer months to be utilized during the winter. The decision will be made this winter on whether or not an application will be submitted to the Federal Government on this waste heat project. Further information on the project is available in my office.

Manager Hoffmans stated that this week the City received its four (4) new utility vehicles and are presently being fitted with pumps and should be on the road next week. Materials for the laundromat has been ordered and will be arriving on the last barge due in Bethel around September 27th, during the last part of this month or early in October the road to the lagoon will be graveled.

Manager Hoffman stated that tomorrow is the last working day for the candidates to file for the four (4) Council seats that are up for election in October 2, 1979.

Manager Hoffman stated that Loren Campbell is the new Chief of Police and is present at this time for any questions that the Council would like to ask.

Carpenter stated that he (Loren Campbell) and Council should met and talk about the Public Safety matters. The meeting was set for September 20th, 5:00 p.m., at the City Council Chambers.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Elliott stated that he thanks all of the Council members for all of the support that they've given him on his term as Mayor for the City of Bethel.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE'S

B. Hoffman of the Public Works Committee stated that his committee has not yet met.

Carpenter of the Finance Committee stated that the Finance Committee met on September 5th and under New Business it was recommended that the firm of Price Waterhouse and Co., be selected as the public accountant for fiscal year 1979 Audit.

Also there was a list of lands that they wanted to look into. If any of the Council members has anything to add to the Agenda of the Finance Committee to contact her.

Lyman Hoffman stated that there were two meeting of the Planning Commission:

August 13, The planning Commission directed that the City Planner to investigate the disposition of two lots at the airport that were to be designated for City reserve.

- Item 2. The subdivision standards and Procedures had 5 suggested changes as a result of the Public Hearing. The changes involved:
1. Notification of landowners in subdivision area.
 2. Proof of ownership.
 3. Possibility of administrative fee for subdivision.
 4. Waiver Procedures
 5. Changing the public hearing and final plat presentation process.
- Item 3. George Charles final subdivision plat was approved.
- Item 4. The Planning Commission refused the first option to buy Mike Shantz's lot.
- Item 5. The Planning Commission refused the first option to buy subdivision lots from the following:
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| Cathy Hohman | Mary Morgan |
| Chris Butzen | Jay and Evelyn Fisher |

The planning Commission gave extension of one (1) years time in which to build a house in the subdivision to:

Richard Watson	Jack Watson
William Manumik	Bob Aloysius
Agnes Kelly	

Manager Hoffman stated that on September 4th, Planning Commission meeting and the Subdivision Standards and Procedures were amended as follows:

- 1) Require proof of ownership of subdivision
- 2) Establish administrative fee for subdivision based of the number of lots created.
- 3) Change procedure used to notify people affected by subdivision.
- 4) Establish waiver procedure.
- 5) Change location if public hearing in plat approval procedure.

A resolution vacation a utility easement on lot 2, Block 4 in Mumtrelek Subdivision was passed.

A resolution designating Bethel Social Services to receive funds for the construction of Halfway house was approved.

A date of October 1, 1979, was established to hold a Public Hearing on a replat petition of the AVCP Housing Authority.

A recommendation was made the the Public Safety Committee invesitgate the following:

- 1) The possibility of initiating a crossing guard program or other safety measure at various street crossings in town during times that kids are going to and from school.

- 2) The construction of more boardwalks or the expansion of streets to reduce the danger to pedestrians and bridge traffic on the streets.
- 3) The problem of visibility on the highway curve by Guinn Lumber's yard.
- 4) The apparent confusion caused by the new road signs at the corner of second avenue and Tundra avenue.

E. Hoffman asked about the two lots at the Airport that the City of Bethel owns.

Manager Hoffman stated that the City had two lots at the Airport designated as municipal lots but, Sea Airmotive is sitting on them right now. Sea Airmotive had temporary permission to utilize them, but they are now building a warehouse and we told them that they were previously designated as Airport lots.

Have City Planner check into Sea Airmotive Airport Hanger land and report back to council at the next regular meeting.

M/M By E. Hoffman to approve Finance Committee's report of 9/5 and the Planning Commissions of 8/13 and 9/4. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

B. Twitchell asked what's going to be done about the intersection on Watsons and Airport Road?

Manager Hoffman stated that the Public Safety/Transportation Committee will have it on the Agenda of their next meeting.

Some discussion on the intersection of Watsons and Airport Road.

Carpenter asked about the energy office on waste heat for an incinerator?

It was suggested that we contact the Municipal League on waste heat.

Some discussion on the subject of Yellow Cab.

Manager Hoffman stated that there are 15 pages, in his office for the public to comment on. Regarding the 5 year Comprehensive Development Plan. A Public Hearing will be held on the 27th of September regarding the above.

Carpenter stated that the road to the Daycare Center downtown is very bumpy, she asked if the City Manager could do something about it. Like grading it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM A. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TRANSFER OF LAND TO BETHEL
NATIVE CORPORATION

Mayor Elliott opened the Public Hearing on the Transfer of land to Bethel Native Corporation to the public.

Manager Hoffman stated that the land across from the pump-house was accidentally transferred to the City which is approximately 40 acres. The BNC is requesting the City of Bethel to quitclaim it back to them.

Mayor Elliott closed the Public Hearing on the Transfer of Land back to Bethel Native Corporation to the public.

M/M by Carpenter to approve the transfer of land back to the Bethe Native Corporation that was accidentally transferred to the City of Bethel, with the condition that they will transfer 40 acres of land of the lagoon area to the City of Bethel which was previously agreed upon. Poll vote was taken. Yeas: Carpenter, B. Hoffman, E. Hoffman and Elliott. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM B. PUBLIC HEARING ON MODIFICATION #1 OF ORDINANCE #114
(AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A BUILDING PERMIT SYSTEM
FOR IMPROVEMENTSON LOTS WITHIN THE CITY OF BETHEL.)

Mayor Elliott opened the Public Hearing on Modification #1 of Ordinance #114, (BUILDING PERMIT SYSTEMS) to the public.

Manager Hoffman stated that we originally adopted this in June and our Attorney, Ben Esch, reworded some things.

Manager Hoffman stated that there has been quite a response for the request of building permits applications. One change was recommended by a contractor, was for a residential building permit would be a standard fee and for commercial permits it would be 1% or 1½% of the price of the construction cost.

Some discussion on the subject of the Building Permit System.

Mayor Elliott closed the Public Hearing on Modification #1 of Ordinance #114, Building Permit System to the public.

M/M by B. Hoffman to adopt Modification #1 of Ordinance #114, (AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A BUILDING PERMIT SYSTEM FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON LOTS WITIN THE CITY OF BETHEL.● as recommended by Ben Esch.

E. Hoffman called for the question.

Some discussion on the subject of Building Permits.

Mayor Elliott called for the question. Poll vote was taken. Yeas: Carpenter, B. Hoffman and Elliott. Nay; E. Hoffman Motion defeated.

ITEM C. PUBLIC HEARING ON MODIFICATION #2 OF ORDINANCE
#110, VEHICLE FOR HIRE

Mayor Elliott opened the Public Hearing on Modification #2 of Ordinance #110, Vehicle For Hire.

Manager Hoffman stated that Modification #2 of Ordinance #110 was recommended by Council for the Taxicab Regulations Generally section for fines for not having lighted top lights on taxi cabs. We did not have fines for this previously.

F. Short, owner of Kusko Cab stated that he thinks that the \$100.00 fine is a little to stiff for the cab drivers. Cause the cab driver doesn't know if his top light is burnt out or not, unless he gets pulled over by the cops or get out of his taxi every time he stops to check.

C. Miller, manager of Checker Cab Company stated that the Bethel Police Department should have a warning system such as a fix-it ticket that the drivers can get a ticket and within 48 hours of the ticket being written they have to fix the problem and show the Police Department that they did fix the problem.

Correct A4 to read:

"Any taxicab in violation of any of the following regulations: A1, A2 or A3 the company holding the permit for that taxicab shall be fined \$100.00. Any taxicab in violation of regulation A4, the chauffeur driving that taxicab shall be fined \$10.00, if repair is not made within 48 hours after the issuance of the traffic ticket. Any taxicab in violation of regulations A5, the chauffeur driving that taxicab shall be fined \$100.00."

Mayor Elliott closed the Public Hearing on Modification #2 of Ordinance #110, Vehicle for Hire, to the public.

M/M by Carpenter to approve Modification #2 of Ordinance #110, Vehicle for Hire with the additional stipulation as follows:

" if taxi cab drivers are in violation of A4, the taxicab driver shall be fined \$10.00, if repair is not made within 48 hours after the issuance of the traffic ticket. Any taxicab in violation of regulations A5, the chauffeur driving that taxicab shall be fined \$100.00. Poll vote was taken. Yeas: Carpenter, E. Hoffman B. Hoffman and Elliott. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM D. PUBLIC HEARING ON MODIFICATION #1 OF ORDINANCE #116 (A MODIFICATION OF THE CITY OF BETHEL'S BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1979 TO INCLUDE THE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS HOUSING PROGRAM.) (\$334,050.)

Mayor Elliott opened the Public Hearing on Modification #1 of Ordinance #116, to the public.

Manager Hoffman stated that this Ordinance was requested by AVCP Housing Authority. Gary Gross is present to answer any questions that the Councilmembers might have concerning the Elderly Home. This is required by the State of Alaska for the Community to receive the funds for the Elderly Home.

Mayor Elliott closed the Public Hearing on Modification #1 of Ordinance #116 to the public.

M/M by B. Hoffman to adopt Modification #1 of Ordinance #116 (A MODIFICATION OF THE CITY OF BETHEL'S BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1979 TO INCLUDE THE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS HOUSING PROGRAM.) Poll vote was taken. Yeas: Carpenter, E. Hoffman, B. Hoffman and Elliott. Motion passed.

ITEM E. RESOLUTION #267, APPOINTING, FROM THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE MUNICIPALITY JUDGES OF ELECTION IN PRECINCTS #'s, ONE, TWO & THREE.

D. Carpenter asked why the precincts had different number of judges?

City Clerk stated that if we needed more judges in another precinct that we can move them around.

M/M by E. Hoffman to approve Resolution #267, APPOINTING, FROM THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE MUNICIPALITY JUDGES OF ELECTION IN PRECINCTS ONE, TWO & THREE. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

ITEM F. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE #119, (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.44.070 AND SECTION 2.44.090 OF THE BETHEL CITY CODE RELATING TO SPECIAL ELECTION.)

Mayor Elliott opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance #119, to the public.

Manager Hoffman stated that this is a required change for the Special Election that is required for the Regional Fire Fighting Training Center.

Mayor Elliott closed the Public Hearing on Ordinance #119, to the public.

M/M by Carpenter to adopt Ordinance #119, (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.44.070 AND SECTION 2.44.090 OF THE BETHEL CITY CODE RELATING TO SPECIAL ELECTION.) Poll vote was taken. Yeas: Carpenter, E. Hoffman, B. Hoffman and Elliott. Motion passed.

ITEM G. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE #120, (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF BETHEL, ALASKA, OF THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$600,000.00) OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF BETHEL TO PAY ALL OR PART OF THE COSTS OF PLANNING, DESIGNING, EQUIPPING AND CONSTRUCTING A FIRE STATION AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD FOR THAT PURPOSE IN BETHEL ON OCTOBER 2, 1979.)

Mayor Elliott opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance #120 to the public.

Manager Hoffman stated that what we're asking here in that the Council designate a Special Election, since we've already posted Notice of the General Election, and the Special Election will be held at the same time as the General Election. On the Special Election there will be one issue which is Proposition #1 which will cover planning, designing, equipping and constructing of a Fire Station and associated facilities in Bethel. The interest is not to exceed 6% and the bonds will be paid off in 40 years.

Manager Hoffman stated that the Fire Station will post posters ads, inviting the public to the fire station, talk show, etc.

Carpenter suggested that we do a coverage of the Fire Station.

Mayor Elliott closed the Public Hearing on Ordinance #120 to the public.

M/M by E. Hoffman to adopt Ordinance #120, (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF BETHEL, ALASKA, OF THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$600,000.00) OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF BETHEL TO PAY ALL OR PART OF THE COSTS OF PLANNING, DESIGNING, EQUIPPING AND CONSTRUCTING A FIRE STATION AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD FOR THAT PURPOSE IN BETHEL ON OCTOBER 2, 1979). Poll vote was taken. Yeas: Carpenter, E. Hoffman, B. Hoffman and Elliott. Motion passed.

Mayor Elliott called for a 10 minutes break at 9:05 p.m.

Mayor Elliott called the meeting back to order at 9:15 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING OF DEPRECIATION ON THE PIPED WATER & SEWER SYSTEM.

Manager Hoffman stated that Bud Whiting of the Finance Department was on hand to comment.

B. Whiting gave a brief description of the Depreciation of the piped water & sewer system.

Manager Hoffman stated that we do show a paper loss because we presently show depreciation on the piped water and sewer system. If the change in accounting procedure is adopted it will no longer be necessary to expense depreciation. We will continue to depreciate the equipment under the Hotel system.

M/M by B. Hoffman to Carpenter to approve the change in accounting to the piped water & sewer. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion passed.

ITEM B. SELECTION 1979 AUDITORS

B. Whiting stated that the Finance Committee instructed him to solicit proposals from the Auditors including the one that we had over the past several years Peat, Marwick & Mitchell. They reviewed five CPA firms and got firms prices from two, the final selection came down to Price Water House who primary selections were Municipalities and Boroughs. The Audit fees were ranging from 15 to 33 thousand and Price Water House was the second lowest.

Carpenter stated that Price Water House did come to Bethel and look at our records.

M/M by E. Hoffman to accept Price Water House as the City of Bethel's Auditors for the 1979. Poll vote was taken. Yeas: Carpenter, E. Hoffman, B. Hoffman and Elliott. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM C. RESOLUTION #269, HALFWAY HOUSE.

Manager Hoffman stated that this Resolution is reference to the funds of the Alaska State Legislature appropriated for a new Halfway House in Bethel. This resolution has been reviewed by the Planning Commission and it was their recommendation

that the City of Bethel recommend to the State of Alaska that the State of Alaska contract the whole program with Bethel Social Service assume all liability for the facility through the operation.

Some discussion on the subject.

M/M by Carpenter to accept the amended Resolution #269 as follows:

Be it further resolved that a review committee of not more than 5 experienced local builders of Bethel be appointed by the Mayor to review the plans and structural designs prior to the construction with any cost related to the implementation of the recommendation to be appropriated from construction funds." Poll vote was taken. Yeas: Carpenter, E. Hoffman, B. Hoffman and Elliott. Motion passed.

ITEM D. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED USE OF FEDERAL REVNEUE SHARING, 1980.

Mayor Elloit opened the Public Hearing on the Proposed use of Federal Revenue Sharing, 1980 to the public.

Mayor Hoffman stated that it is required to have the proposed use hearing and any individual should take this opportunity to state how they feel or the City of Bethel's intent to spent the funds or salary as follows:

Police	\$ 134,926
Street Roads	33,662
	<u>\$ 168,588</u>

Mayor Elliott closed the Public Hearing on the Proposed use of Federal Revenue Sharing, 1980, to the public.

M/M by B. Hoffman to approve the Proposed use of Federal Revenue Sharing, ending September 30, 1980 as presented. Poll vote was taken. Yeas: Carpenter, E. Hoffman, B. Hoffman and Elliott. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

M/M by E. Hoffman to adjourn. Voice vote was taken. Motion Passed.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 19__.

DON ELLIOTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Irene Williams, City Clerk